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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2444

Introduced by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia

February 19, 2016

~~An act relating to public resources. An act to add Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 5880) to Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, relating to a water, climate, and coastal protection and outdoor access for all program, by providing the funds necessary therefor through an election for the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and for the handling and disposition of those funds.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2444, as amended, Eduardo Garcia. ~~California Water Quality, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access Improvement Act of 2016. California Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2016.~~

Under existing law, programs have been established pursuant to bond acts for, among other things, the development and enhancement of state and local parks and recreational facilities.

This bill would enact the California Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2016, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an unspecified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a water, climate, and coastal protection and outdoor access for all program.

The bill would provide for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election.

~~Existing law declares that parks, wildlife habitat, beaches, and open-space lands are vital to maintaining the quality of life in California. Under existing law, programs have been established pursuant to bond acts for, among other things, the development and enhancement of state and local parks and recreational facilities.~~

~~This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact the California Water Quality, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access Improvement Act of 2016, which would authorize the issuance of bonds to finance a water quality, coastal protection, and outdoor access improvement program.~~

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 5880) is*
2 *added to Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, to read:*

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4 *CHAPTER 14. CALIFORNIA WATER, CLIMATE, AND COASTAL*
5 *PROTECTION AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2016*

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7 *Article 1. General Provisions*
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9 5880. (a) *The people of California find and declare all of the*
10 *following:*

11 (1) *From California's beautiful rivers, streams, coastal*
12 *shorelines, and other waterways, to our federal, state, local, and*
13 *regional parks and outdoor settings, to our vast network of trails*
14 *connecting people with natural landscapes, Californians value*
15 *the rich diversity of outdoor experiences afforded to this state and*
16 *its citizens.*

17 (2) *There has not been a "true" park and outdoors bond*
18 *approved by the voters of this state since 2002.*

19 (3) *Demand for local parks has exceeded available funding by*
20 *a factor of 8 to 1, with particularly high demand in urban,*
21 *disadvantaged communities.*

22 (4) *Many Californians across the state lack access to safe parks,*
23 *trails, and recreation areas, which limits their ability to experience*
24 *the outdoors, improve their physical and emotional health,*
25 *exercise, and connect with their communities.*

1 (5) *Investments to create and improve parks and recreation*
2 *areas, and to create trail networks that provide access from*
3 *neighborhoods to parks and recreational opportunities, will help*
4 *ensure all Californians have access to safe places to exercise and*
5 *enjoy recreational activities.*

6 (6) *The California Center for Public Health Advocacy estimates*
7 *that inactivity and obesity cost California over forty billion dollars*
8 *(\$40,000,000,000) annually, through increased health care costs*
9 *and lost productivity due to obesity-related illnesses, and that even*
10 *modest increases in physical activity would result in significant*
11 *savings. Investments in infrastructure improvements such as biking*
12 *and walking trails and pathways, whether in urban or natural*
13 *areas, are cost-effective ways to promote physical activity.*

14 (7) *Continued investments in the state's parks, trails, and natural*
15 *resources, and greening urban areas will mitigate the effects of*
16 *climate change, making cities more livable, and will protect*
17 *California's natural resources for future generations.*

18 (8) *California's outdoor recreation economy represents an*
19 *eighty-seven-billion-dollar (\$87,000,000,000) industry, providing*
20 *over 700,000 jobs and billions of dollars in local and state*
21 *revenues.*

22 (9) *California's state, local, and regional park system*
23 *infrastructure and national park system infrastructure is aging*
24 *out and a significant infusion of capital is required to protect this*
25 *investment.*

26 (10) *There has been a historic underinvestment in parks, trails,*
27 *and outdoor infrastructure in disadvantaged areas and many*
28 *communities throughout California.*

29 (11) *Tourism is a growing industry in California and remains*
30 *an economic driver for the more rural parts of the state.*

31 (b) *It is the intent of the people of California that all of the*
32 *following shall occur in the implementation of this chapter:*

33 (1) *The investment of public funds pursuant to this chapter will*
34 *result in public benefits that address the most critical statewide*
35 *needs and priorities for public funding.*

36 (2) *In the appropriation and expenditure of funding authorized*
37 *by this chapter, priority will be given to projects that leverage*
38 *private, federal, or local funding or produce the greatest public*
39 *benefit.*

1 (3) *The funding authorized by this chapter will support*
2 *implementation of the recommendations contained in the Parks*
3 *Forward Commission Plan released in February 2015.*

4 (4) *To the extent practicable, a project that receives moneys*
5 *pursuant to this chapter will include signage informing the public*
6 *that the project received funds from the California Water, Climate,*
7 *and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2016.*

8 5880.01. *The following definitions govern the construction of*
9 *this chapter:*

10 (a) *“Committee” means the California Water, Climate, Coastal*
11 *Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Finance Committee*
12 *created by Section 5887.02.*

13 (b) *“Department” means the Department of Parks and*
14 *Recreation.*

15 (c) *“Disadvantaged community” has the same meaning set forth*
16 *in subdivision (g) of Section 75005.*

17 (d) *“Fund” means the California Water, Climate, and Coastal*
18 *Protection and Outdoor Access For All Fund, created by Section*
19 *5880.08.*

20 (e) *“Severely disadvantaged community” has the same meaning*
21 *set forth in subdivision (g) of Section 75005.*

22 5880.02. *An amount that equals not more than 5 percent of the*
23 *funds allocated for a grant program pursuant to this chapter may*
24 *be used to pay the administrative costs of that program.*

25 5880.03. (a) *Except as provided in subdivision (b), up to 10*
26 *percent of funds allocated for each program funded by this chapter*
27 *may be expended for planning and monitoring necessary for the*
28 *successful design, selection, and implementation of the projects*
29 *authorized under that program. This section shall not otherwise*
30 *restrict funds ordinarily used by an agency for “preliminary*
31 *plans,” “working drawings,” and “construction” as defined in*
32 *the annual Budget Act for a capital outlay project or grant project.*

33 (b) *Funds used for planning projects that benefit disadvantaged*
34 *communities may exceed 10 percent of the funds allocated if the*
35 *state agency administering the moneys determines that there is a*
36 *need for the additional funding.*

37 5880.04. (a) *At least 10 percent of the funds available pursuant*
38 *to each article of this chapter shall be allocated for projects serving*
39 *severely disadvantaged communities.*

1 ***(b) Except as provided in subdivision (c), up to 10 percent of***
2 ***the funds available pursuant to each article of this chapter may***
3 ***be allocated for technical assistance to disadvantaged communities.***
4 ***The agency administering the moneys shall operate a***
5 ***multidisciplinary technical assistance program for small***
6 ***disadvantaged communities.***

7 ***(c) Funds used for providing technical assistance to***
8 ***disadvantaged communities may exceed 10 percent of the funds***
9 ***allocated if the state agency administering the moneys determines***
10 ***that there is a need for the additional funding.***

11 5880.05. ***Before disbursing grants pursuant to this chapter,***
12 ***each state agency that receives funding to administer a competitive***
13 ***grant program under this chapter shall do the following:***

14 ***(a) Develop and adopt project solicitation and evaluation***
15 ***guidelines. The guidelines shall include monitoring and reporting***
16 ***requirements and may include a limitation on the dollar amount***
17 ***of grants to be awarded. If the state agency has previously***
18 ***developed and adopted project solicitation and evaluation***
19 ***guidelines that comply with the requirements of this subdivision,***
20 ***it may use those guidelines.***

21 ***(b) Conduct three public meetings to consider public comments***
22 ***before finalizing the guidelines. The state agency shall publish the***
23 ***draft solicitation and evaluation guidelines on its Internet Web***
24 ***site at least 30 days before the public meetings. One meeting shall***
25 ***be conducted at a location in northern California, one meeting***
26 ***shall be conducted at a location in the central valley of California,***
27 ***and one meeting shall be conducted at a location in southern***
28 ***California.***

29 ***(c) Submit the guidelines to the Secretary of the Natural***
30 ***Resources Agency. The Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency***
31 ***shall verify that the guidelines are consistent with applicable***
32 ***statutes and for all the purposes enumerated in this chapter. The***
33 ***Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency shall post an electronic***
34 ***form of the guidelines submitted by state agencies and the***
35 ***subsequent verifications on the Natural Resources Agency's***
36 ***Internet Web site.***

37 ***(d) Upon adoption, transmit copies of the guidelines to the fiscal***
38 ***committees and the appropriate policy committees of the***
39 ***Legislature.***

1 5880.06. (a) *The Department of Finance shall provide for an*
2 *independent audit of expenditures pursuant to this chapter. The*
3 *Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency shall publish a list of*
4 *all program and project expenditures pursuant to this chapter not*
5 *less than annually, in written form, and shall post an electronic*
6 *form of the list on the agency's Internet Web site.*

7 (b) *If an audit, required by statute, of any entity that receives*
8 *funding authorized by this chapter is conducted pursuant to state*
9 *law and reveals any impropriety, the California State Auditor or*
10 *the Controller may conduct a full audit of any or all of the activities*
11 *of that entity.*

12 (c) *The state agency issuing any grant with funding authorized*
13 *by this chapter shall require adequate reporting of the expenditures*
14 *of the funding from the grant.*

15 5880.07. *A project whose application includes the use of*
16 *services of the California Conservation Corps or certified*
17 *community conservation corps, as defined in Section 14507.5, may*
18 *be given preference for receipt of a grant under this chapter.*

19 5880.08. *The proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to*
20 *this chapter shall be deposited in the California Water, Climate,*
21 *and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Fund, which*
22 *is hereby created in the State Treasury.*

23 5880.09. *The Legislature may enact legislation necessary to*
24 *implement programs funded by this chapter.*

25
26 Article 2. *Investments in Environmental and Social Equity,*
27 *Enhancing California's Disadvantaged Communities*
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29 5881. (a) *The sum of _____ dollars (\$_____) shall be available*
30 *to the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the*
31 *creation and expansion of safe neighborhood parks in park-poor*
32 *neighborhoods in accordance with the Statewide Park Development*
33 *and Community Revitalization Act of 2008's competitive grant*
34 *program described in Chapter 3.3 (commencing with Section*
35 *5640).*

36 (b) *When developing or revising criteria or guidelines for the*
37 *grant program, the department may consider the population*
38 *densities of an applicant in relation to countywide populations,*
39 *comparative income levels, and other poverty-related factors that*
40 *are relative to regionwide statistics.*

1 *Article 3. Investments in Protecting, Enhancing, and Accessing*
2 *California's Local and Regional Outdoor Spaces*

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4 5882. (a) *The sum of _____ dollars (\$_____) shall be available*
5 *to the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for local*
6 *park rehabilitation and improvement grants to local governments*
7 *on a per capita basis. Grant recipients shall be encouraged to*
8 *utilize awards to rehabilitate existing infrastructure and to address*
9 *deficiencies in neighborhoods lacking access to the outdoors.*

10 (b) *Unless the entity has been identified as a disadvantaged*
11 *community, an entity that receives an award pursuant to this*
12 *section shall be required to provide a match of 20 percent as a*
13 *local share.*

14 (c) *Grants available to cities and special districts other than*
15 *regional park districts shall be in an amount not less than _____*
16 *dollars (\$_____) per grant. Grants available to counties and*
17 *regional park districts shall be in an amount not less than _____*
18 *dollars (\$_____) per grant.*

19 5882.02. *The sum of _____ dollars (\$_____) shall be available*
20 *to the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for*
21 *grants to regional park districts, counties, open-space districts,*
22 *open-space authorities, and eligible nonprofit organizations on a*
23 *competitive grant basis to expand, rehabilitate, and restore*
24 *facilities, including trails, that facilitate new or enhanced use and*
25 *enhanced user experiences.*

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27 *Article 4. Restoring California's Natural, Historic, and Cultural*
28 *Legacy*

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30 5883. (a) *The sum of _____ dollars (\$_____) shall be available*
31 *to the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for*
32 *restoration and preservation of existing state park facilities and*
33 *units to preserve and increase public access to those facilities and*
34 *units and to protect the natural, cultural, and historic resources*
35 *of those facilities and units.*

36 (b) *Of the amount made available pursuant to this section, not*
37 *less than 80 percent shall be available for capital improvements*
38 *that address the department's backlog of deferred maintenance.*

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1 *Program Act (Chapter 3.2 (commencing with Section 5620)). In*
2 *awarding the grants, the department may consider the following*
3 *factors:*

4 *(1) Whether the project proposes to acquire and develop lands*
5 *to enhance residential recreation while promoting the quality of*
6 *tourism experiences and the economic vitality of the community.*
7 *These enhancements may include trails, bikeways, regional or*
8 *destination-oriented recreational amenities, and visitor centers.*

9 *(2) Whether the project would provide new recreational*
10 *opportunities in rural communities that have demonstrated*
11 *deficiencies and lack of outdoor infrastructure in support of*
12 *economic and health-related goals.*

13 *(b) Unless the entity has been identified as a disadvantaged*
14 *community, an entity that receives an award under this article*
15 *shall be required to provide a match of 20 percent.*

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17 *Article 7. California Clean Water, Coastal, and Watershed*
18 *Cobenefit Program*
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20 *5886. (a) The sum of one hundred _____ dollars (\$_____)*
21 *shall be available to the Natural Resources Agency, upon*
22 *appropriation by the Legislature, for grants pursuant to the*
23 *California River Parkway Act of 2004 (Chapter 3.8 (commencing*
24 *with Section 5750)).*

25 *(b) Unless the entity has been identified as a disadvantaged*
26 *community, an entity that receives an award under this article*
27 *shall be required to provide a match of 20 percent.*

28 *(c) To maximize cooperation and leverage resources, the*
29 *Natural Resources Agency may give priority to projects that*
30 *include partnerships among federal, state, and local agencies and*
31 *to projects proposed by nonprofit organizations within the local*
32 *land trust communities.*

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34 *Article 7.5. State Conservancy Funding*
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36 *5886.02. The sum of _____ dollars (\$_____) shall be available,*
37 *upon appropriation by the Legislature, in accordance with the*
38 *following schedule, to fulfill the purposes of the specified entity:*

39 *(a) Baldwin Hills Conservancy, _____ dollars (\$_____).*

40 *(b) California Tahoe Conservancy, _____ dollars (\$_____).*

- 1 (c) Coachella Mountains Conservancy, _____ dollars (\$_____).
- 2 (d) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy, _____ dollars
- 3 (\$_____).
- 4 (e) Salton Sea Authority, _____ dollars (\$_____).
- 5 (f) San Diego River Conservancy, _____ dollars (\$_____).
- 6 (g) San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains
- 7 Conservancy, _____ dollars (\$_____).
- 8 (h) San Joaquin River Conservancy, _____ dollars (\$_____).
- 9 (i) Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, _____ dollars
- 10 (\$_____).
- 11 (j) Sierra Nevada Conservancy, _____ dollars (\$_____).
- 12 (k) State Coastal Conservancy, _____ dollars (\$_____). Of this
- 13 amount, not less than 40 percent shall go toward the San Francisco
- 14 Bay Area Conservancy Program (Chapter 4.5 (commencing with
- 15 Section 31160) of Division 21).
- 16 5886.04. The Legislature shall strive to consider population
- 17 size, land mass, and natural resource significance as factors when
- 18 determining the amount of any other funds to be given to an entity
- 19 described in Section 5886.02.

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21 *Article 8. Climate and Habitat Resiliency*

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23 5886.5. The sum of _____ dollars (\$_____) shall be available

24 to the Wildlife Conservation Board for grants for the protection

25 and expansion of wildlife corridors, including projects to improve

26 connectivity between habitat areas, for projects to improve climate

27 adaptation and resilience of natural systems, and for projects to

28 protect and improve existing open space corridors and trail

29 linkages related to utility or transportation infrastructure that

30 provide habitat connectivity and public access or trails.

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32 *Article 9. Fiscal Provisions*

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34 5887. (a) Bonds in the total amount of _____ dollars (\$_____),

35 not including the amount of any refunding bonds issued in

36 accordance with Section 5887.12, may be issued and sold to

37 provide a fund to be used for carrying out the purposes expressed

38 in this chapter and to reimburse the General Obligation Bond

39 Expense Revolving Fund pursuant to Section 16724.5 of the

40 Government Code. The bonds, when sold, shall be and constitute

1 *a valid and binding obligation of the State of California, and the*
2 *full faith and credit of the State of California is hereby pledged*
3 *for the punctual payment of both the principal of, and interest on,*
4 *the bonds as the principal and interest become due and payable.*

5 *(b) The Treasurer shall sell the bonds authorized by the*
6 *committee pursuant to this section. The bonds shall be sold upon*
7 *the terms and conditions specified in a resolution to be adopted*
8 *by the committee pursuant to Section 16731 of the Government*
9 *Code.*

10 *5887.01. The bonds authorized by this chapter shall be*
11 *prepared, executed, issued, sold, paid, and redeemed as provided*
12 *in the State General Obligation Bond Law (Chapter 4 (commencing*
13 *with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the*
14 *Government Code), and all of the provisions of that law apply to*
15 *the bonds and to this chapter.*

16 *5887.02. (a) Solely for the purpose of authorizing the issuance*
17 *and sale, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law*
18 *(Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division*
19 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code), of the bonds authorized by*
20 *this chapter, the California Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection*
21 *and Outdoor Access For All Finance Committee is hereby created.*
22 *For purposes of this chapter, the California Water, Climate, and*
23 *Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Finance Committee*
24 *is the “committee” as that term is used in the State General*
25 *Obligation Bond Law.*

26 *(b) The committee consists of the Director of Finance, the*
27 *Treasurer, and the Controller. Notwithstanding any other provision*
28 *of law, any member may designate a representative to act as that*
29 *member in his or her place for all purposes, as though the member*
30 *were personally present.*

31 *(c) The Treasurer shall serve as the chair of the committee.*

32 *(d) A majority of the committee may act for the committee.*

33 *5887.03. The committee shall determine whether or not it is*
34 *necessary or desirable to issue bonds authorized by this chapter*
35 *in order to carry out the actions specified in this chapter and, if*
36 *so, the amount of bonds to be issued and sold. Successive issues*
37 *of bonds may be authorized and sold to carry out those actions*
38 *progressively, and it is not necessary that all of the bonds*
39 *authorized to be issued be sold at any one time.*

1 5887.04. *For purposes of the State General Obligation Bond*
2 *Law, “board,” as defined in Section 16722 of the Government*
3 *Code, means the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency.*

4 5887.05. *There shall be collected each year and in the same*
5 *manner and at the same time as other state revenue is collected,*
6 *in addition to the ordinary revenues of the state, a sum in an*
7 *amount required to pay the principal of, and interest on, the bonds*
8 *each year. It is the duty of all officers charged by law with any*
9 *duty in regard to the collection of the revenue to do and perform*
10 *each and every act that is necessary to collect that additional sum.*

11 5887.06. *Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government*
12 *Code, there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund in the*
13 *State Treasury, for the purposes of this chapter, an amount that*
14 *will equal the total of the following:*

15 (a) *The sum annually necessary to pay the principal of, and*
16 *interest on, bonds issued and sold pursuant to this chapter, as the*
17 *principal and interest become due and payable.*

18 (b) *The sum that is necessary to carry out the provisions of*
19 *Section 5887.09, appropriated without regard to fiscal years.*

20 5887.07. *The board may request the Pooled Money Investment*
21 *Board to make a loan from the Pooled Money Investment Account*
22 *in accordance with Section 16312 of the Government Code for the*
23 *purpose of carrying out this chapter less any amount withdrawn*
24 *pursuant to Section 5887.09. The amount of the request shall not*
25 *exceed the amount of the unsold bonds that the committee has, by*
26 *resolution, authorized to be sold for the purpose of carrying out*
27 *this chapter. The board shall execute those documents required*
28 *by the Pooled Money Investment Board to obtain and repay the*
29 *loan. Any amounts loaned shall be deposited in the fund to be*
30 *allocated in accordance with this chapter.*

31 5887.08. *Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,*
32 *or of the State General Obligation Bond Law, if the Treasurer*
33 *sells bonds that include a bond counsel opinion to the effect that*
34 *the interest on the bonds is excluded from gross income for federal*
35 *tax purposes under designated conditions or is otherwise entitled*
36 *to any federal tax advantage, the Treasurer may maintain separate*
37 *accounts for the bond proceeds invested and for the investment*
38 *earnings on those proceeds, and may use or direct the use of those*
39 *proceeds or earnings to pay any rebate, penalty, or other payment*
40 *required under federal law or take any other action with respect*

1 *to the investment and use of those bond proceeds, as may be*
2 *required or desirable under federal law in order to maintain the*
3 *tax-exempt status of those bonds and to obtain any other advantage*
4 *under federal law on behalf of the funds of this state.*

5 *5887.09. For the purposes of carrying out this chapter, the*
6 *Director of Finance may authorize the withdrawal from the*
7 *General Fund of an amount or amounts not to exceed the amount*
8 *of the unsold bonds that have been authorized by the committee*
9 *to be sold for the purpose of carrying out this chapter less any*
10 *amount borrowed pursuant to Section 5887.07. Any amounts*
11 *withdrawn shall be deposited in the fund. Any moneys made*
12 *available under this section shall be returned to the General Fund,*
13 *with interest at the rate earned by the moneys in the Pooled Money*
14 *Investment Account, from proceeds received from the sale of bonds*
15 *for the purpose of carrying out this chapter.*

16 *5887.10. All moneys deposited in the fund that are derived*
17 *from premium and accrued interest on bonds sold pursuant to this*
18 *chapter shall be reserved in the fund and shall be available for*
19 *transfer to the General Fund as a credit to expenditures for bond*
20 *interest, except that amounts derived from premiums may be*
21 *reserved and used to pay the cost of bond issuance prior to any*
22 *transfer to the General Fund.*

23 *5887.11. Pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section*
24 *16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code,*
25 *the cost of bond issuance shall be paid out of the bond proceeds,*
26 *including premiums, if any. To the extent the cost of bond issuance*
27 *is not paid from premiums received from the sale of bonds, these*
28 *costs shall be shared proportionately by each program funded*
29 *through this chapter by the applicable bond sale.*

30 *5887.12. The bonds issued and sold pursuant to this chapter*
31 *may be refunded in accordance with Article 6 (commencing with*
32 *Section 16780) of Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of*
33 *the Government Code, which is a part of the State General*
34 *Obligation Bond Law. Approval by the voters of the state for the*
35 *issuance of the bonds under this chapter shall include approval*
36 *of the issuance of any bonds issued to refund any bonds originally*
37 *issued under this chapter or any previously issued refunding bonds.*

38 *5887.13. The proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by*
39 *this chapter are not "proceeds of taxes" as that term is used in*
40 *Article XIII B of the California Constitution, and the disbursement*

1 of these proceeds is not subject to the limitations imposed by that
2 article.

3 SEC. 2. (a) Notwithstanding the requirements of Sections 9040,
4 9043, 9044, 9061, and 9082 of the Elections Code, or any other
5 law, the Secretary of State shall submit this act to the voters at the
6 November 8, 2016, statewide general election.

7 (b) The Secretary of State shall include in the ballot pamphlets
8 mailed pursuant to Section 9094 of the Elections Code the
9 information specified in Section 9084 of the Elections Code
10 regarding the bond act contained in this act. If that inclusion is
11 not possible, the Secretary of State shall publish a supplemental
12 ballot pamphlet regarding this act to be mailed with the ballot
13 pamphlet. If the supplemental ballot pamphlet cannot be mailed
14 with the ballot pamphlet, the supplemental ballot pamphlet shall
15 be mailed separately.

16 (c) Notwithstanding Section 9054 of the Elections Code or any
17 other law, the translations of the ballot title and the condensed
18 statement of the ballot title required pursuant to Section 9054 of
19 the Elections Code may be made available for public examination
20 at a later date than the start of the public examination period for
21 the ballot pamphlet, provided that the translations of the ballot
22 title and the condensed statement of the ballot title must remain
23 available for public examination for eight days.

24 (d) Notwithstanding Section 13282 of the Elections Code or
25 any other law, the public shall be permitted to examine the
26 condensed statement of the ballot title for not more than eight
27 days. Any voter may seek a writ of mandate for the purpose of
28 requiring the condensed statement of the ballot title, or portion
29 thereof, to be amended or deleted only within that eight-day period.

30 SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon approval by the voters
31 of the California Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and
32 Outdoor Access For All Act, as set forth in Section 1 of this act.

33 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact the~~
34 ~~California Water Quality, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access~~
35 ~~Improvement Act of 2016, which would authorize the issuance of~~
36 ~~bonds to finance a water quality, coastal protection, and outdoor~~
37 ~~access improvement program.~~